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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 8 Jan 1994 12:19:39 -0800
From: nntp.crl.com!crl.crl.com!not-for-mail@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Fixing loose BNC connectors on HT's
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Some months back (Oct. | Nov.) in MT there was a description of how to tighten up on BNC connectors that had gotten loose after many connect-disconnect cycles. The problem is that the V shaped inner connector becomes loose.

The article said to squeeze the ends of the inner connector together a little

bit. It is not clear if you are supposed to take the connector *out* of the radio to do this. If so how? In my Alinco, this connector is seated very tightly in the plastic insulator. I could try to pry it out, but it seems as though I might be detaching it from what ever it is connected to if I do...

OTOH, I can not figure out what kind of tool I could use to squeeze together the ends while it is embedded in the insulator. I can get a fine needle between one side or the other and the insulator, but only one at a time. I have pushed a little this way, but it doesn't seem to make any difference. The finest needle-nose pliers I can find are not nearly fine enough to get around both sides of the connector at the same time. How do you do this surgery?

Much Thanks

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Date: Sat, 08 Jan 1994 00:28:07
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!convex!egsner!wb9rxw!kf5iw!rwsys!ocitor!
FredGate@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HDN Releases
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The following files were processed Saturday 01-08-94:

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7431 bytes in 1 file(s)

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    /hamtrain (Training Material)
    /hamlog (Logging Programs)
    /hamcomm (APLink/JvFax/Rtty/etc)
    /hammods (Equip modification)
    /hamswl (SWBC Skeds/Frequencies)
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Ham Distribution Net

* Origin: Ham Distribution Net Coordinator / Node 1 (1:124/7009)

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 14:21:41 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!sunic!news.funet.fi!
uwasa.fi!mkl@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Help finding: BPQAX25.EXE
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

DALE BABIY (babiyd@mala.bc.ca) wrote:
: Hiya folks. Posted for a ham w/o net access:

: He's looking for a file called BPQAX25.EXE. I've looked through the
: net and come up with naught, so I can only assume that its some part
: of an archive or something. I'm the new ham on the block and I'd dearly
: like to solve this little problem for one of the oldsters :).

: Anyone give me a point in the right direction?

archie found this:

archie> prog bpqax25

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# Search type: sub.
# Your queue position: 1
# Estimated time for completion: 00:03
working... /

Host nic.funet.fi      (128.214.248.6)
Last updated 20:24  6 Jan 1994

Location: /pub/ham/packet/baycom
FILE      -rw-r--r--    15897 bytes  16:39 26 Oct 1993  bpqax25.zip

Host grivel.une.edu.au      (129.180.4.7)
Last updated 18:56  5 Jan 1994

Location: /pub/ham-radio/funet/ham/packet/baycom
FILE      -r--r--r--    15897 bytes  23:39 26 Oct 1993  bpqax25.zip

Host cranach.rz.tu-ilmenau.de      (141.24.8.28)
Last updated 19:43 28 Dec 1993

Location: /pub/msdos/ham/packet/g8bpq
FILE      -rw-r--r--    15897 bytes  15:23 12 Nov 1993  bpqax25.zip

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Markus

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Date: 8 Jan 94 23:01:06 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: How does it work?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

So what are all those things you see at Wal-Mart? one of my co workers noticed them a while back...all the stores have them in this area.

they're located on the end of some shelves. they appear to be PVC about 3-4" thick and about 12-15" long with end caps on both ends (one with a hole).

the assembly is held onto the rack with tie wraps and is about 5 feet off the floor.

there seems to be no connections to it. the end caps seem to be permanently attached.

the store folks plead ignorance about them....and seemed to start wondering
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about them once we pointed them out...

bill wb9ivr

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 17:03:46 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!
news.acns.nwu.edu!news.eecs.nwu.edu!gagme!n5ial!jim@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: I need a terminal program for 2 TNCs at once
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <940107191032.2020a259@ecsuc.ctstateu.edu>
CASEDA@ECSUC.CTSTATEU.EDU (DAVE CASE - KA1NCN) writes:

> I am looking for a TERMINAL (not a logging) program that can handle
> two TNCs at once (one through each of two COM ports).
> Preferable FTP-able, but I can send you a disk if you have it.

First off, is there any particular operating system you'd like these
to run under? :-)

Let's see, the only thing that comes to mind immediately is the KA9Q
software and its variants. I'm sure there are others, but I don't know
about them (I've never really needed to look, except when I was using
a borrowed TNC and 2m rig to run TCP on one freq. and straight AX.25
with my TNC and 2m rig on another, and I was using a variant of KA9Q).

This doesn't help now (or even anytime in the near future), but I'm
considering adapting KAMterm (a host mode term program for Kantronics
TNCs that I wrote) to support multiple serial ports. Of course, this
isn't going to happen until I'm finished porting KAMterm over to UNIX
(it currently runs only under msdos...and I don't like having to reboot
just to run KAMterm). I'm also not sure how I want to handle some of
the internal data structures for multiple serial ports (e.g., handling
times when one port is in host mode and the other isn't, handling both
ports in host mode, ideally without having too much duplication of data,
etc....), but that's just a question of making a decision and running
with it. :-)

The reason I mention this here (now) is this: I'm interested in some
feedback on how many people would be interested in this. I have two TNCs,
but only one 2m radio and one serial port that the TNCs can (normally) use,
so I wouldn't need this feature---it'd be strictly for other folks. Btw,
KAMterm is shareware, not freeware, so keep that in mind.

Later,
--jim

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73 DE N5IAL (/4) < Running Linux 0.99 PL10 >
jim@n5ial.mythical.com ICBM: 30.23N 86.32W
|| j.graham@ieee.org Packet: N5IAL@W4ZBB (Ft. Walton Beach, FL)
E-mail me for information about KAMterm (host mode for Kantronics TNCs).

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 14:02:19 +0000
From: news.sprintlink.net!demon!g8sjp.demon.co.uk!ip@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Info on station
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2gi4g5INNrt7@nbc.ksu.ksu.edu> cbr600@nbc.ksu.ksu.edu writes:

>During the 10m contest in Mid-December, I heard a very strange call.
>Looked in the DXCC list and didn't find it listed anywhere. The call was
>M1DX. Looked in the prefix allocations, and it is listed as a Great Britain/
>Northern Ireland call, so I was wondering if anyone knew anything about this
>call, and hopefully QSL information for them. Also wanting to know the best

I'd be VERY surprised if this is a valid call; last time an 'M' prefix was issued was a few years back, to commemorate Marconi's something-or-other. The call M0RSE was issued, and was valid for a very short duration.

History will show (and I'm now on very shakey ground, BTW :-) that this prefix was in use a good many years ago; I seem to recall that Ken, G5KW (a U.K. 6M pioneer) held the call MD5KW whilst resident in the Canal Zone. But I'm ready to bet that there's someone reading this who knows a whole lot more than I do on the subject (there always is :-)

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At Work: N2TLY

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 16:32:50
From: vtserf.cc.vt.edu!solaris.cc.vt.edu!mbarts.bevb.blacksburg.va.us!
mbarts@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Mobile antenna question
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A friend just recently purchased an Acura Integra and is trying to figure out how to mount a two meter antenna on it. He hasn't reconciled himself to getting out the big drill just yet and is considering a glass mount antenna on the hatch. The glass around the edges of the glass (where the antenna will mount) has black matte finish consisting of lots of small dots acting as a sunscreen. Does anybody know what this stuff is? Will it interfere with the glass mount, mechanically or electrically? Any suggestions or experience with this?

Mike, KB4NT

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 20:04:50 GMT
From: newsgate.watson.ibm.com!watnews.watson.ibm.com!hawnews.watson.ibm.com!
sehneg@uunet.uu.net
Subject: RAMSEY KITS NOT TOO G
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I've built several Ramsey kits, QRP receiver (40m) and several QRP XMTRS (40&20m) plus keyer & FM stereo transmitter.

I'll concede that the early assembly manuals were nothing more than a photocopy sheet, but they really redid their manuals recently & they look close to the Heathkit quality.(XRAY drawings & tutorials)

I've batted 1.000 with their kits, although I had to mess around with the 40m receiver a bit to stabilize the thermal drift & make the receiver a little more selective. I've not had a bad part in the bunch.
If you haven't tried them recently, you may be surprised.

I taught a ham class a few years back & we placed a quantity order with them for the 40m receivers & lots of students built them while taking the class. We helped them along, and got all of them working.(They give group discounts)

(standard disclaimers, my opinion & not that of anyone else), Gary N2KTY/QRP

Date: 8 Jan 94 22:47:10 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Repeater database?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>Want to know where our repeaters are now? NOYGDB!
> - Brian

in my part of Florida, a first cut at locating repeaters consists of getting on top of the house at night and look for all the tower lights. most of 'em you can drive right up to the tower in your conventional power train car (no 4WD needed) using the publicly paid for road system.

Phase 2 is all those tall buildings (also marked with lights) that have a large excess of "lightning rods" are suspects as well (although it would take a bit more work to actually be able to say you could walk right up to the access door in these cases...but probably nothing more than to be around during normal business hours, find the building folks and ask about what's going on....

sorry your stuff was taken, but even on the hard to drive to mountain top, you can fly there with a DF system on the plane (and we'll throw in a GPS just to make it easier to determine lat/long than reading position and distance to a VOR (oh heck, i know there must be *one* DCE-400 around here..let it do the hard work).

it's all just a matter of perserverence (sp?). but i certainly agree with locking the doors just to keep the honest people off the suspects list.

bill wb9ivr

Date: Fri, 7 Jan 1994 18:08:48 +0000
From: swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!uknet!demon!
tedb.demon.co.uk!ted@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: rsgb gb2rs news 9th jan
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Good morning. It's Sunday the 9th of January and here is the GB2RS news broadcast, prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.

First the headlines:- RSGB Member, Professor Les Barclay receives an OBE; Last chance to attend the Presidential Installation of Ian Suart, GM4AUP, in Glasgow; UHF Repeater stolen from site; New RLOs for Bedfordshire, Hereford and Worcester.

Congratulations to RSGB Member Professor Les W Barclay, G3HTF, who received an OBE in the 1994 New Years Honours list in recognition of his work in the field of propagation. Professor Barclay is a member of the Propagation Studies Group.

The RSGB's 1994 President will be officially installed at an evening reception and dinner in Glasgow next Saturday the 15th of January. Any RSGB member wishing to attend should contact Belinda Gannon at RSGB headquarters without delay.

The UHF Repeater GB3GF, operated by the Guildford UHF Repeater Group was completely stripped and stolen from its site at Guildford, Surrey sometime between 0030 and 0815UTC on Thursday the 30th of December. The whole installation was neatly and skilfully dismantled with tools during its time of least usage, and a fifty foot high tower was scaled on a wet night to remove the antennas. Most of the items removed have GB3GF stamped on them. The repeater is crystal controlled for receive on 433.300MHz and for transmit on 434.900MHz. Also the transmitter automatically identifies in Morse code with GB3GF every 15 minutes. Anyone who is offered for sale or modification a Pye F9U a wall-mounted base station, Cavity filter tubes (a home brew copper and brass item), a Pye AE450F cavity filter, a Hexalator (circular) or comes across any unusual transmissions on RB12, especially if interspersed with GB3GF identification in Morse, is asked to please contact immediately PC 1284 Clarke at Guildford Police on 0483 31111 extension 3128.

{Newsreaders: This item can be deleted if your broadcast does not cover the Bedfordshire, Hereford and Worcester or Northumberland areas}

Attention RSGB members in Bedfordshire and Hereford and Worcester area. Two new RSGB Liaison Officers (RLO) have been appointed, one for each county. The RLO for Bedfordshire is Geoff Linssen, G0PIZ. His address is 401 Dallow Road, Luton, Beds, LU1 1UL and his telephone number is 0582 415576. For Hereford and Worcester, the RLO is John Marks, G00WT. His address is 61 Sebright Road, Wolvesley, Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 5UA and his telephone number is 0562 850061.

Next attention RSGB Members in Northumberland. The RSGB Liaison Officer (RLO) for Northumberland is Jack Swayne, G3BLE and his address is 12 The Haven, Beadnell, Chathill, Northumberland, NE67 5AW. His fax or telephone number is 0665 720601. RLOs hold a wide range of information and they are available to help any RSGB member seeking advice.

Now some items of HF DX news from the weekly RSGB DX News Sheet which is edited by Brendan McCartney, G4DY0. From Ogasawara, JD1AMA will be active today, Sunday the 9th, during the Japanese International CW LF Contest looking for European contacts from 1900 - 2200 UTC. See January RadCom, page 19 for further details. From Madagascar, JE8XRF will sign 5R8DM from now until Sunday the 16th of January. Operation will be on 10 - 80 metres mainly SSB with some CW, plus 160m if possible. From Aruba, NW1J, W1HL and AA1M will sign P4/W1EKT from tomorrow, Monday the 10th until Monday the 17th of January on all bands

10 - 160 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. And from Bahrain, ex ZC4DG is now active as A92FV for the next four months on all bands using CW. He may also use A92C the club station callsign.

Rally news:

We have no rally news for you this week as the next event notified to us is not until Sunday the 23rd of January 1994.

However, here are some dates for your diary:

The 1994 RSGB VHF Convention is to be held at its usual venue at Sandown Race Course in Surrey on Sunday the 20th of February. See January's RadCom page 24 for full details of the comprehensive lecture programme.

The 1994 RSGB London Amateur Radio and Computer Show is to be held during Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th of March, at the Lee Valley Leisure Centre, (formerly Picketts Lock), Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, London. Full details of the comprehensive lecture programme will appear in February's RadCom.

HF contest news now:

The RSGB AFS Team CW Contest takes place today, Sunday the 9th from 1300 - 1700 UTC on 3.510 - 3.590MHz, with the 3.570 - 3.590MHz reserved for slower-speed contacts (the QRS Corral). See November RadCom page 84 for further details. The RSGB LF Cumulative 1.8MHz Contest takes place next Tuesday the 11th of January from 2000 - 2200UTC. The RSGB AFS Team SSB Contest takes place next Saturday the 15th of January from 1300 - 1700UTC on 3.600 - 3.750MHz. See November RadCom page 84 for further details. The RSGB LF Cumulative 7.0MHz Contest takes place next Sunday the 16th of January from 1000 - 1200UTC, followed by the LF Cumulative 3.5MHz Contest from 1600 - 1800 UTC. See December's RadCom, page 84, for detailed information on all the LF Cumulative Contests. Also the HA DX CW Contest and the AGCW-DL QRP Contest are scheduled for next weekend, Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of January.

Next some VHF contest news:

The RSGB 144MHz CW Single Operator Fixed & All Others Contest takes place next Sunday the 16th of January, from 1000 to 1600 UTC. There are three sections:- Fixed station single operator, Open and Listeners. The first RSGB 70MHz Cumulatives Contest takes place on Sunday the 23rd of January from 1000 - 1200UTC. See December's RadCom, page 83 for details for both the VHF events.

And now the solar factual data:

Due to the holidays, we have an extended period covering the 17th to the 26th of December. We will catch up with the rest next week. Solar activity was reasonably quiet up to the 22nd when a series of M flares erupted lasting through to the 26th. They ranged from an M1.1/1N up to M1.5/1N and it was the most active period since last June. The sunspot indices rose every day from 26 on the 17th up to 131 by the 25th and gave a mean of about 69. Not surprisingly solar flux levels also rose from 84 on the 17th up to 125 by the 26th and averaged 100 for the period. The geomagnetic activity started very disturbed with Ap indices up to 25 units on the 18th but slowly declined to just unsettled levels of 12 by the 26th, giving an average of 13.5 units. The state has been warnings of high latitude magnetic storms due to the flare activity, and of a massive stratwarm over Siberia with temperature increases of 40 degrees centigrade at the 10HPA level. The radio quality indices have improved every day, from below normal up to the 21st and were just above normal by the 26th. The aa indices for the 14th to the 27th December have been just unsettled and the daily indices averaged 22.4 nanoTeslas about K3, with little variation day to day. The X-Ray flux has increased considerably from A8.2 on the 19th up to B5.9 by the 25th, the highest level since last June. The period averaged B2.8 units. The 10 and 6 meter bands have been very active with widespread sporadic E during the past 2 weeks.

Now the ionospheric data for Central France:

The F2 day-time critical frequencies at Poitiers as reported by Meudon for the period 17th to the 26th of December averaged 7.8MHz. The peak times are now around 10am to mid-day but the highs are not lasting very long, only four or five hours. The darkness hour lows are averaging 2.6MHz and are anywhere between 1800 hours down to 0600 hours. There has been spread F reported on many early mornings lasting up to five hours at times.

Now the ionospheric data for the north:

The F2 day-time critical frequencies at Ekaterinberg have suffered from the high latitude magstorms and averaged only 6.2MHz. The darkness hour lows averaged 2.4MHz.

And lastly the solar forecast:

This week, the quiet side of the sun will be looking our way. Solar flux levels are expected to be about the 95s, with geomagnetic levels possibly being very unsettled from today until the 15th due to the passage of coronal holes. The radio quality indices are expected to be normal, rising to above normal from the 16th. The 90 day smoothed solar flux is 98 units at present.

And that's the end of the solar information.

Finally in the main news, SSL has informed the Society that as of last Wednesday morning, the latest callsigns issued were in the G0 U I and G7 R N series, and Novice calls in the 2 0 A H and 2 1 C M series. .

You're listening to GB2RS, the news broadcasting service of the Radio Society of Great Britain, transmitting in the 80, 40, 6 and 2 metre bands.

Next, the local news.

NEWS FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Meeting for Monday the 10th of January:

Southdown Amateur Radio Society has its Annual General Meeting at the Chaseley Home for Disabled Ex-Servicemen, Southcliffe, Bolsover Road, Eastbourne. The meeting opens at 7.30pm for an 8 o'clock start. For more details contact Jan, G4XNL, tel: 0323 412699.

Meeting for Tuesday the 11th of January:

Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'Converting a DB27 CB Antenna to HF Mobile' by Rob, G2BZK. Contact Neil, 2E1ASZ on 0438 350882 for details.

Meetings for Wednesday the 12th of January:

Bracknell Amateur Radio Club meets for its Annual General Meeting. Details from Steve, G4AUC who is QTHR.

Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society has a technical topic entitled 'PSU Repairs' by G8KBV. Details from Ian, G0RTF on 0494 676391.

Cheshunt and District Amateur Radio Club has an Amateur TV Night by Adrian, G0OJY and John, G3WFM. Details from Roger, G40AA on 0992 464795.

Dover Radio Club has a presentation of 'Kanga Kits' by G0BPS. For further details telephone 0304 825030.

Worthing and District Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'Reminiscing' by G5CO. Details from G4GPX on 0903 753893.

Meetings for Thursday the 13th of January:

Colchester Radio Amateurs has a talk on 'UF0s and UF0logy' by Trevor, G7OWC. Further details from Mike, G4YJN on 0206 738189.

Edgware and District Radio Society meets for its Annual General Meeting. Details from Rod, G0SQL, tel: 081 204 1868.

Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society has the G8EMJ Construction Contest. Contact Paul, G1GSN on 0462 700618 for further details.

Southgate Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'An Overview of Cable TV'. Further information from Brian, G0MEE on 081 360 2453.

Vange Amateur Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Guns' by Bob, G3IUC. Contact Doris on 0268 552606 for further information.

Meetings for Friday the 14th of January:

Clifton Amateur Radio Society has a Computer evening. Further details from Keith, G4TJE on 081 859 7630.

Hilderstone Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'The Novice Examination' by Martin, G0LGE. For further details telephone 0843 869812.

Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club has a talk on 'Radio Scouting and Gilwell Park GB2GP' by Frank, G6OLK. Scouts and Cubs are welcome. Contact Les, G3ABA 0703 732997 for details.

Maidstone YMCA Amateur Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Computer Usage (Packet/Satellites) instructional evening' and CW as necessary. Contact G0RHO, QTHR for further details.

Meeting for Saturday the 15th of January:

Crystal Palace and District Radio Club has a talk 'QRP (Low Power) Homebuilt Radio Equipment' by Wayne, G0JJQ. Details from Wilf, G3DSC on 081 699 5732.

NEWS FOR SOUTH WEST

Meetings for Monday the 10th of January:

Exeter Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'Welding Techniques' by Basil Bolt. Details from Ray, G3YBK on 0392 78710.

Wincanton Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'Packet Radio' by G3CQE. Further details from Dave, G3ZXX on 0963 34360.

Meeting for Tuesday the 11th of January:

Salisbury Radio and Electronic Society meets for its Annual General Meeting. Details from David on 0722 330971.

Meeting for Wednesday the 12th of January:

South Bristol Amateur Radio Club has a Table Sale - A bring and sell anything. For more information tel: 0275 834282.

Meeting for Thursday the 13th of November:

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club has a Junk Sale. Contact Cedric, G4JBL on 0258 473845 for further information.

Meeting for Friday the 14th of January:

Shirehampton Amateur Radio Club has a 'Packet Radio Overview/Getting going evening' by G4FRO. For further information contact Ron, G4GTD on 0272 770504.

NEWS FOR EAST ANGLIA

Meeting for Monday the 10th of January:

Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a Discussion evening. For details contact Paul, G4YQC on 0394 273507 any evening.

Meeting for Wednesday the 12th of January:

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club has a 'Real Radio Evening'. For further details contact Sheila, G0KWP on 0603 618810.

Meeting for Thursday the 13th of January:

Yarmouth Radio Club has a 'Contest Plans for 1994' discussion. Details from

Tony, G3NHU, on 0493 721173.

Meeting for Friday the 14th of January:

Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club has a demonstration of the 'Shacklog' Software by Alan, G3PMR. Contact John, G0TIL on 0763 243570 for details.

NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS

Meetings for Monday the 10th of January:

Mansfield Amateur Radio Society has a talk by Rob Mannion, G3XFD, Further information from Mary, G0NZA on 0623 755288.

Stratford upon Avon and District Radio Society meets for its New Year Social. Further details from Alan, G0CXJ, tel: 0608 682495.

Meeting for Tuesday the 11th of January:

Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club has a talk by G8AYG. For further details contact G8SNF by telephoning 0509 218259.

Meetings for Wednesday 12th of January:

Bromsgrove Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'Antenna Construction'. More information from Barry, G0TPG on 0527 542266.

Derby and District Amateur Radio Society has a Visit by SMC Chesterfield. Contact Hayley, G7PXA on 0773 856904 for further information.

South Birmingham Radio Society has a talk and slide show on 'Holes in the Ground' by a member of the Dudley Canal Trust. For further details contact Roy, G8ACR on 021 474 3784.

Telford and District Amateur Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Tuning Linears' by G8PAW. For further details contact Dave, G4EIX, on 0952 588878.

Meetings for Thursday the 13th of January:

Cannock Chase Amateur Radio Society has a venue and now meets at the Four

Crosses Inn, Watling Street, Gailey-Cum-Hatherton. Contact Eric, G4ICE on 0543 502836 for further information.

Amateur Radio Club of Nottingham has a 'Bring your Gear Night'. Contact Simon, GOIEG on 0602 501733 for further details.

Salop Amateur Radio Society meets for an Extraordinary General Meeting, at the Beauchamp Hotel, Shrewsbury at 8pm. Contact GOSST on 0743 361935 for details.

Vale of Evesham Radio Amateurs' Club meets for its Annual General Meeting. The meeting starts at 8pm at the BBC Club, High Street. Details from Alasdair, tel: 0386 41508.

Meetings for Friday the 14th of January:

Bromsgrove and District Amateur Radio Club has a Visit from members of the Stourbridge Amateur Radio Society. Informal visitors welcome. Further details from Joe, G3MRC, tel: 0562 710010.

Spalding and District Amateur Radio Society meets for its Annual General Meeting. Details from G4OO, tel: 0775 750382.

South Notts Amateur Radio Club has a Construction plus HF/VHF On Air evening. For further details contact Julie, GOSOU on 0602 216342.

NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Meeting for Monday the 10th of January:

Sheffield Amateur Radio Club meets to prepare for the inter-Club Quiz. Further details from David, GOJJR Tel: 0742 446282.

Meetings for Tuesday the 11th of January:

Bury Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Introduction to Packet Radio' by G3RTU. For further details contact Mike, G4GSY on 061 761 5083.

Fylde Amateur Radio Society meets for its Annual General Meeting. Details from Rob, G7CUL, QTHR.

Liverpool and District Amateur Radio Society has a GX3AHD on the Air evening. Further details from Ian, G4WWX who is QTHR.

Wakefield and District Radio Society meets for a talk on 'Antennas' by David, G0DJJA. Further details from Roy, G0TBY on 0924 893321.

Meetings for Wednesday the 12th of January:

Stockport Radio Society has a talk on 'Doublet Antennas' by G0HAL. For details telephone 061 439 4952.

Wirral and District Amateur Radio Club meets for its Annual General Meeting, starting at 8pm at Irby Cricket Club. Contact Paul, G0JZP, on 051 648 5892 for further details.

Meetings for Thursday the 13th of January:

Hambleton Amateur Radio Society has a Practical Night. Further details from Nigel, G0NHM on 0609 776608.

North Wakefield Radio Club meets for its Annual General Meeting. For further information contact John, G4RCG on 0924 362144.

Meetings for Friday the 14th of January:

North Ferriby United Amateur Radio Society has a 'Discussion Evening' with Ken, G4VKK. Further details from Frank, G3YCC, tel: 0482 650410.

South Manchester Radio Club has a talk on 'Baluns' by G0HAL. For further details contact Edward, G7FQY, tel: 061 969 1964.

Stockport Radio Society Computer Group has a talk entitled 'DOS/Batch Files' by G0NKM. For further details telephone 061 439 4952.

NEWS FOR SCOTLAND

Meeting for Tuesday the 11th of January:

Dundee Amateur Radio Club has a Construction Night. Details from GM4FSB who is QTHR.

Meeting for Thursday the 13th of January:

Lerwick Radio Club has a Film Evening with Video Tapes of DX-peditions and other radio related topics. The meeting starts at 7.30pm, in the Islesburgh

Community Centre, Kings Harald Street, Lerwick. Details from Robert, GM4CAQ, who is QTHR.

Meeting for Friday the 14th of January:

Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society has its Presidential Address by the newly elected President, Don Travis, at Queen Mothers House starting at 8pm. Details from John, GM1TDU, tel: 0224 706619.

And that's the end of this week's GB2RS news broadcast, which was prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.

Date: 8 Jan 94 23:13:07 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Vanity Callsign Notice of Propsed Rulemaking (PR93-305)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> 1. They are proposing to charge you \$7.00 per year for the rest of your >life for their having issued you a specific callsign. I'd feel a lot better >about a one-time charge, even at my age.

ok, how about \$70 every ten years? everyone was complaining here a while back that the FCC doesn't pay attention to amateur problems because we don't pay for our licenses. this ought to do it. ($700,000 \times \$7 = 4.9 \text{ Million/year..}$)

> 2. If your list of ten specific callsigns is exhausted by the time >your application makes it through the mill, your existing callsign becomes >the eleventh choice and you will be charged \$7.00 per year for the rest of >your life for the privilege of continuing to use your old callsign.

consider it a penalty for making choosing poorly..could also be the start of putting fees back on amateur radio licenses (everyone remember when it was \$9 to do anything to your license....anyone? anyone?)

> 3. Opinion: what does "vanity" have to do with requesting a specific >callsign? Commercial broadcasters do it all the time.

if you aren't "vain" about how you appear, you won't care and will take what's assigned when you get your ticket. it's also a painless way to collect more money from everyone participating forever until they croak. like lotto.

73, bill wb9ivr

Date: Sat, 8 Jan 1994 14:06:48 +0000
From: news.sprintlink.net!demon!g8sjp.demon.co.uk!ip@uunet.uu.net
Subject: WHERE ARE ALL THE YOU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <334qFc4w165w@p-cove.UUCP> wolfman@p-cove.UUCP writes:

> See, I was told that if I connect up both the mobile radio and the TNC
>to the power supply, and I was to transmit at 50 watts, after finishing
>the transmission there would be a surge of power comming back, and that
>could damage the TNC... I don't want to use a 9v battery because I don't
>really feel like changing it every week..
>

Hmm. Interesting concept. From my (limited - 20 years) experience in this field, I'd say that what you have been told is absolute bull! The other matter arising is that, with the concept of packet radio networks, you should seriously review your antenna strategy if you need to run more than a few watts!

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